

dust and the marked difference in the rate of travel.

By changing the time of the North Liberty Sunday school from the morning to the afternoon, for that day, I was enabled to meet with two Sunday schools the same day, thanks to the pastor and officers. The children everywhere seem ready to earn a dime to buy a brick for our Washington church.

Their society here has been lately reorganized, is yet small but shows healthy signs of growth, several applying for membership after the Sunday night meeting. They are active and eager to learn the best methods of work.

Dear sisters, you whose society is alive and successful tell these other societies about it thru these columns of the EVANGELIST, and many will bless you for the encouragement received. Where is our Meyersdale correspondent? The New Enterprise secretary, Berlin and Listie? Likewise the Ohio societies ought to write. In fact there is room enough in the S. S. C. E. department—the editor gives us an entire page if we'll use it—to have a frequent contribution from all the societies of every state. My letter looks lonely. Probably the older societies would be encouraged to write if they would see the first contributions from some of the young societies. You who had such good reports at the Pennsylvania Convention, write.

I expect to be in the southern part of the state in a few weeks, and any mail sent to Gratis, Ohio, before July 25th, in care of Mrs. Sarah Keim, will reach me.

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Our Young People

Long Life

He liveth long, who liveth well;
All else is life but flung away.
He liveth longest, who can tell
Of true things truly done each day.

Then fill each hour with what will last;
Buy up the moments as they go.
The life above, when this is past,
Is the ripe fruit of life below.

Sow love, and taste its fruitage pure;
Sow peace, and reap its harvest bright;
Sow sunbeams on the rock and moor,
And find a harvest home of light.

—Horatius Bonar.

HONORING THE LORD'S DAY

Ex. 20:8-11; Rev. 1:10.

Topic July 23.

Along with modern inventions have come perils which unless carefully guarded will destroy much of the blessing of our civilization. It is possible for people to get together easily; it is possible for them to communicate readily and to obtain the daily news from all over the world. As a result life is quickened and intensified but there is danger. (1) That the publicity of life will come to destroy the home; (2) that personality will be lost in the crowd and (3) that the rush of life will crowd out our day of rest and worship.

Our city parks are filled with pleasure seekers every Sunday. Excursions carry thousands in all directions to places of resort; bicycle and trolley parties divert other thousands away from the house of prayer to the fields of pleasure, and for all this the excuse is given that work presses so heavily all

week that recreation is necessary on Sunday. In order to meet the new conditions many churches are substituting stereopticon lectures, musicals and entertainments of all sorts for the Sunday evening service and thus insidiously the sacredness and the restfulness of the day is being undermined. Upon the necessity in man's nature for rest and worship the day was founded and to destroy these features means a violation of nature's laws which will bring terrible vengeance sooner or later.

Our young people need not be kept with puritan strictness yet they on the other hand must not be allowed unbridled license. What is rest for some may not be for others but all can find rest and uplift in worship. At a vote recently in a university class about two-thirds said they attended church only as it pleased them. This indicates a common sentiment that one should go to church when their companions do or when they can be best entertained. This is a selfish, sponge idea. Churches are not for amusement but service and we should go not where we may have the most fun, but where we may do the most good.

Everyone should be interested in this topic and take a part in the discussion.

BIBLE REFERENCES

- 1 The Sabbath instituted, Gen. 2:2, 3.
- 2 The Sabbath given a special significance for the Jews, Deut. 5:14, 15; Ezek. 20:11, 12.
- 3 The Sabbath for man's good, Mark 2:27.
- 4 Things forbidden by Moses' law, Ex. 34:21; 35:2, 3.
- 5 Injunctions to keep the Sabbath holy, Isa. 56:2; 66:23.
- 6 The example of Jesus, Luke 4:16-21; 13:11-18.
- 7 The example of the apostles, Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2; Rev. 1:10.
- 8 Judgements for non-observance, Ex. 31:14; II Chron. 36:21.
- 9 Blessings for obedience, Isa. 58:13; Jer. 17:24-27.
- 10 Forsake not the church, Heb. 10:25.

FOR DISCUSSION

- 1 Why was the Sabbath instituted?
- 2 Why should one day in seven be observed rather than one day in ten or twelve?
- 3 How is the Lord's day desecrated?
- 4 How can those who must work on Sunday yet keep a day sacred?
- 5 What sort of visiting is proper on the Lord's day?
- 6 What are some things we should avoid on the Lord's day lest they cause others to stumble?
- 7 Is it right for people to neglect the church to go pleasure seeking?
- 8 Why is it not right to go on Sunday excursions?
- 9 What evils will result from disregard of the Lord's day?
- 10 How can our society promote proper observance of the Lord's day?
- 11 Why observe the Lord's day rather than Saturday the Jewish Sabbath? (The Jewish Sabbath was for a sign to them, Ezek. 20:12; Ex. 31:16, 17, under the old covenant, Ex. 34:28; Deut. 9:9-12. We are not under the law but under the new covenant. Jer. 31:31-35; Heb. 8:8-12; 10:16, 17; Gal. 3:4, 5; Col. 2:14; Gal. 4:10, 11. The example of the apostles given above and the testimony of early writers show that the change was made in the days of the apostles.)

C. F. YODER.

From the President

My Dear Young People:—I am sorry to have remained silent for so long a time, but I found it impossible to keep up my weekly contributions to this department, preach twice each Sunday, do the work incident to the Christian Minister and attend the university five days in each week.

I hope, however, that there has been no

cessation of work and interest occasioned by my silence; and that you will permit no such cessation now that warm weather has come. Here in the city many branches of church work have been abandoned because the persons having them in charge have fled from the city to the watering places. It is quite enough during this warm weather, if a congregation can be gathered twice on each Lord's day for divine services. No minister in this city preaches to a full house at either service on Sunday, while the mid week prayer meeting is largely a remembrance of the attendance in the days passed. The Sunday "Vaudeville" theatre and base ball game come in for the largest audiences on Sunday and God himself only knows where the Christians (?) are on Thursday evening.

Sunday, especially in the West, is being rapidly changed from a *holy day* to a *holiday*. Here is an instance where the substitution of one letter for another signifies much. The "Sunday Observance" movement is one that deserves the support of every member of the Christian church. Sabbath desecration, not unlike all the evils that now confront us, has grown to be what it is, only because of the indifference and laxity of the church to one of its most sacred institutions, and now when the members of the church are called upon to help purify the Sabbath and make it a day holy unto God, the answer invariably is,—its *no use*, you *can't* do anything.

I hope the Young People's Society will do its utmost toward bringing about a better observance of the Sabbath. We can do much; and what we can do we ought to do, and moreover God will hold us responsible for what we ought to do.

No member of our society should purchase or read the Sunday Newspaper, buy anything kept on sale on Sunday except drugs; should not go for mail on Sunday, or make collection of mail necessary; should not use the day in any way that is not conducive to his or her best interests and the glory of God.

If all the young people of the United States would make a vow unto the Lord to so keep the day, the next generation would not have to face the evil of Sabbath desecration. Young people of the Brethren church, will you not join with me in promising God not to desecrate the Sabbath, by abstaining from all the things that I have mentioned above?

The Detroit Convention

There remains only a few days until the great International Christian Endeavor Convention will begin its sessions in Detroit. Everything tends toward making this convention one of the best yet held. The program is the best from several points of view that has ever been offered, and the speakers include many of the very best Christian workers in the United States.

One can not help being moved by the spectacle of such an immense gathering of young Christians, representing every country upon the surface of the globe, as well as every phase of Protestant belief and practice.